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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Per section 33-5208 (4) and (5), Idaho Code (see below), charter schools may be eligible for an advance payment in July 2007 for the 2007-2008 school year. If your charter school is eligible and would like to take advantage of an advance payment, please submit your estimated enrollment as specified below; email is acceptable. Please note that the deadline is June 1.

(4) Transportation support. Support shall be paid to the charter school as provided in chapter 15, title 33, Idaho Code, and section 33-1006, Idaho Code. Each charter school shall furnish the department with an enrollment count as of the first Friday in November, of public charter school students living more than one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the school. For charter schools in the initial year of operation, the petition shall include a proposal for transportation services with an estimated first year cost. The state department of education is authorized to include in the annual appropriation to the charter school eighty percent (80%) of the estimated transportation cost. The final appropriation payment in July shall reflect eighty-five percent (85%) of the actual cost.

(5) Payment schedule. The state department of education is authorized to make an advance payment of twenty-five percent (25%) of a charter school's estimated annual apportionment for its first year of operation, and each year thereafter, provided the charter school has an increase of student population in any given year of twenty (20) students or more, to assist the school with initial start-up costs or payroll obligations.

(a) **For a state charter school to receive the advance payment, the school shall submit its anticipated fall membership for each grade level to the state department of education by June 1** (emphasis added).

(b) Using the figures provided by the public charter school, the state department of education shall determine an estimated annual apportionment from which the amount of the advance payment shall be calculated. Advance payment shall be made to the school on or after July 1 but no later than July 31.

(c) All subsequent payments, taking into account the one-time advance payment made for the first year of operation, shall be made to the public charter school in the same manner as other traditional public schools in accordance with the provisions of section 33-1009, Idaho Code.

If you have any questions or are uncertain as to whether your charter school is eligible for an advance payment, please contact me.

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